



- A Radical Jumpstart -

Ice-Breaker:

- When you were a child, what did you dream about doing, vocationally?

Discussion:

1. Read Luke 19:1-2. There was a saying in Jesus' day: "For tax collectors, repentance is hard." Discuss why tax collectors were so despised in Israel at this time and why it would be difficult for a tax collector to be committed to God.
2. Read Luke 19:3-4.
 - Why do you suppose Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly that he figured out a way around the crowds?
 - What crowds Jesus out of your life (people, your job, a hobby, etc.)?
3. Read Luke 19:5-6.
 - How do you think Zacchaeus felt in the initial moment when Jesus addressed him?
 - Why do you suppose Zacchaeus received Jesus into his home gladly?
4. Read Luke 19:7.
 - Does the response of the crowd surprise you? Why or why not?
 - How do Christians today respond in a similar way to the crowd in this story?
5. Read Luke 19:8-10. The grace Jesus extended to Zacchaeus moved Zacchaeus to extend grace to others. How are love and grace more powerful motivators than law and judgment?

Personal Application:

- In what area of your life do you need to come out of hiding and face the truth?
- It's been said: "We don't grow into commitments; we grow by making commitments." What radical sacrifice can you make to move past spiritual stagnation and get back in the game, spiritually?